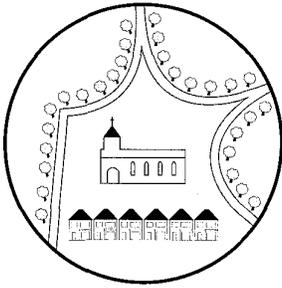


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Purbrook and Widley Area Residents' Association.



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This Newsletter comes to you with the news that our secretary, Pam Cooper, is in hospital and we wish her a speedy recovery from her recent accident hoping that she will be fit and well again very soon.

Will Members please note that the Annual General Meeting of A W ARA will be held in the Deverell Hall at 7pm, Thursday 30th November 2006 with the following agenda:-

1. Welcome by Chairman
2. Chairman's Annual Report.
3. Treasurers Annual Report.
4. Election of Officers
 - (a) Chairman (currently John Harvey)
 - (b) Vice Chairman (currently vacant)
 - (c) Secretary (currently Pam Cooper)
 - (d) Treasurer (currently Bill Blackett)
 - (e) Membership Secretary (currently Sheila McIntosh)
5. Election of 8 Committee Members. (currently David Heck, Sue Bancroft, Stephen Long, Myra Clear, Helen Wright, Gina Doggett, Muriel Smith plus one vacancy)
6. Election of Auditors.

On conclusion of the AGM, the meeting will be addressed by a representative of the Grainger Trust who will explain their development plans for the west of Waterlooville MDA.

Please Note. Member's Annual Subscriptions and issue of Membership Cards for the year 2006/07 are due at this AGM. Current Subscription £3 per head.

CONCERNS OVER THE ROADS INFRASTRUCTURE.

Major Development Area (MDA)

Integral with this MDA west of Waterlooville, are the proposed access roads from the Hambledon Road and the London Road and the increase in the traffic resulting from the development; but there are wider concerns which should be aired bearing in mind that approximately 44% of households in the Borough of Havant own a car or van and 34% own two or more (County Environment Department Report 'Population and Dwellings Forecast 2003').

Statistically, this means that for every fifty (50) houses built, there will be an increase of at least fifty six (56) additional vehicles on the road.

Industrial Estates.

The lack of any road link between the existing Brambles Farm Industrial Estate and the proposed new industrial estate will require delivery vans and lorries calling on both estates to move out and then back in - a totally unnecessary increase of traffic on the public highway when a short link road would avoid this.

Amenity Tip.

The proposed site for the new (and necessary) Amenity Tip will only be accessible through part of the

new housing development, whereas access through the industrial estate would avoid this danger to new residents (especially children). This access, together with a link road with Brambles Farm, would restrict heavy vehicles to one access from the Hambledon Road.

Southern Access Road.

The current Grainger proposal would create a junction with traffic lights adjacent to the allotments' shop which would become yet another congestion point on the London Road and would cause problems for drivers accessing the shop from the south and leaving the shop turning north. It would also leave a strip of land to the west of the London Road 'ripe' for further development and more cars. There are already fourteen (14) roads joining the London Road in the one mile stretch between the Ladybridge Roundabout and 'The George'.

Bringing the junction onto the Ladybridge Roundabout does not reduce the number of cars; but it would avoid the additional junction being proposed, leaving traffic to move more freely.

Milk Lane.

It is understood that Milk Lane will be used by contractor's vehicles during the building stage of the MDA and thereafter as an access to the new cemetery - yet another junction.

Parking Policy.

The number of parking spaces allowed by Government Regulations for new buildings is quite inadequate and Local Planning Authorities cannot permit more. This will mean that there will be a serious increase in 'on street' parking, bringing additional hazards and possibly cause access problems for emergency vehicles not only on the new estate, but also adjacent roads.

Goodwillies.

A provision for 96 dwellings on this site will increase the dangers on the London Road at a critical point adding 107 vehicles on the road, leading to yet more congestion on the already overloaded A3.

Conclusion.

It is now highly improbable that anything can be done to prevent the MDA, so we should concentrate on restricting the inevitable congestion on our roads by calling for appropriate alterations to the plans. These should include:-

- A link road joining the new Industrial Estate with Brambles Farm Industrial Estate.
- Relocation of the Amenity Tip with access from the Industrial Estate.
- The Southern Access Road joining onto the Ladybridge Roundabout with due regard for access to Marrels Wood Gardens.
- Provision for roadside parking without restricting access.
- Avoid access to any development at Goodwillies from the London Road - possibly through Brightside.

REMINDER.

Our agreed Constitution requires that an Officer should not serve more than three consecutive years and Members at the 2005 AGM expressed a hope that all Officers would not retire at the same time. This implies that at least one Officer should be replaced at this year's AGM. The Officers would all have to retire next year unless one or more are replaced this year; so volunteers are required, please, at this AGM.